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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-9, 14-19, 21-24 and 29 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 29 has been added to raise a <u>new issue</u> and to present a new, previously unconsidered combination of elements, and <u>thereby to preclude a First Action Final Rejection</u>. Claims 1, 14, and 23-24 have been amended for clarity.

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on August 20, 2007. Entry of this amendment prior to examination on the merits respectfully is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5, 8-9, 14-19, 21-24 and 29, all the claims presently pending in the Application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the application be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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